

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

JAMES C. SITTS,

Plaintiff,

-against-

3:20-CV-1583 (LEK/ML)

OTSEGO COUNTY COURT,

Defendant.

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**DECISION AND ORDER**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Plaintiff James C. Sitts brings this pro se action against Otsego County Court, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis (“IFP”). See Dkt. Nos. 1 (“Complaint”); 2 (“IFP Application”). Plaintiff initiated this action on December 21, 2020. See Compl.

On January 13, 2021, the Honorable Miroslav Lovric, United States Magistrate Judge, granted Plaintiff’s IFP Application, but recommended dismissing the Complaint without leave to replead. Dkt. No. 5 (“Report-Recommendation”).

For the reasons that follow, the Court adopts the Report-Recommendation in its entirety.

**II. BACKGROUND**

**A. Factual History**

The facts relevant to Plaintiff’s Complaint are summarized in the Report-Recommendation, familiarity with which is assumed. R. & R. at 2–3.

**B. Procedural History**

The procedural history relevant to Plaintiff’s Complaint is summarized in the Report-Recommendation, familiarity with which is assumed. R. & R. at 2–3.

### III. LEGAL STANDARD

Within fourteen days after a party has been served with a copy of a magistrate judge's report-recommendation, the party "may serve and file specific, written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations." Fed. R. Civ. P. 72(b); see also L.R. 72.1(c). A court "shall make a de novo determination of those portions of the report or specified proposed findings or recommendations to which objection is made." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). However, if no objections are made, or if an objection is general, conclusory, perfunctory, or a mere reiteration of an argument made to the magistrate judge, a district court need review that aspect of a report-recommendation only for clear error. See Barnes v. Prack, No. 11-CV-857, 2013 WL 1121353, at \*1 (N.D.N.Y. Mar. 18, 2013); see also Demuth v. Cutting, No. 18-CV-789, 2020 WL 950229, at \*2 (N.D.N.Y. Feb. 27, 2020) (Kahn, J.). "A [district] judge . . . may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the findings or recommendations made by the magistrate judge." 28 U.S.C. § 636(b).

### IV. DISCUSSION

No objections to the Report-Recommendation were filed. See Docket. Accordingly, the Court reviews the Report-Recommendation for clear error and finds none. See Barnes, 2013 WL 1121353, at \*1. Therefore, the Court adopts the Report-Recommendation in its entirety.<sup>1</sup>

### V. CONCLUSION

Accordingly, it is hereby:

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<sup>1</sup> Since the Court dismisses the Plaintiff's claims, the Court does not address whether Plaintiff's claims for damages are stayed pending the conclusion of the underlying criminal case.

**ORDERED**, that the Report-Recommendation (Dkt. No. 5) is **APPROVED and ADOPTED** in its entirety; and it is further

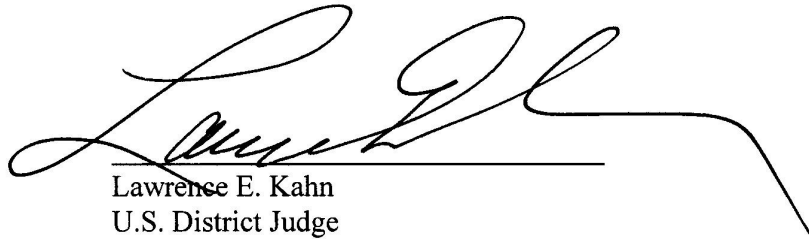
**ORDERED**, that Plaintiff's Complaint (Dkt. No. 1) is **DISMISSED WITHOUT LEAVE TO REPLEAD**; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the Court shall close this action; and it is further

**ORDERED**, that the Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Decision and Order on all parties in accordance with the Local Rules.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

DATED: April 09, 2021  
Albany, New York



Lawrence E. Kahn  
U.S. District Judge